

May 15, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Utah West Mining & Development
Delta Mine
Emery County
ACT/015/020

This operation was inspected by Mike Thompson and Jim Smith on May 9, 1978. in the company of Mr. Randy Mecham. Mr. Duane Frandsen was to have met us at the property, but did not arrive.

This operation currently consists of stripping old underground workings with the possibility of re-entering one of the old tunnels. The cliff face is blasted away with the ore and rock being separated. The waste is dumped off either end of the pad with one waste pile in the middle of the pad. Work will progress toward the south where a caved portal may be used in the future. Access from the camp to the mine area is via a steep haul road which cuts through the waste dump. The waste dump shows evidence of erosion into the Muddy Creek running through the canyon bottom. The disturbed surface area is in excess of two (2) acres. Vegetation in the mine area is less than one (1) percent, consisting of a few scattered grasses, forbs, and shrubs due to the near solid rock conditions. The canyon bottom has slightly more vegetation composed of poplars, salt cedar, and various riparian grasses, sedges, forbs, and shrubs.

Mr. Mecham was informed of the State Mined Land Reclamation Act and his responsibilities as an operator. He was also informed that he must submit a reclamation bond which would be a definite dollar amount and would not be as suggested in Mr. Frandsen's letter of April 26, 1978. A letter will be sent to Mr. Mecham along with his MR-2 for the necessary adjustments to the plan, the required notarization, and the requested map of the mine area.

JWS
JAMES W. SMITH
RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

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